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FROM SPRINGFIELD.

The Apportionment Bill Passed Both Houses.

PASSAGE OF THE CONVENTION BILL.

No More Secession in the Legislature.

A NEW BANK BILL.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 22.

THE APPORTIONMENT BILL.

In the Senate this morning, the Apportionment bill came up in order, and for an amendment to include the town of Lake in Cook county, and another making some changes to suit the Opposition in the extreme south end of the State. It was passed by a party vote. Then immediately followed, according to an understanding arrived at last night, the

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL.

It was reported from the Judiciary Committee by Mr. Blodgett, the author of the bill, and the rules being suspended, the bill was put through all the preliminary stages, and passed by an unanimous vote of the Senate. The bill is clearly and tersely drawn, a summary of which is as follows: Section 1 provides for calling the Convention the first Tuesday in January, 1862, which is to consist of 75 members, to be chosen from the same Districts as the present House of Representatives. Section 2 provides that the election for members of the Convention shall be holden the Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November, 1861. Section 3 provides for the return of the vote as in the case of members of the General Assembly. Section 4 provides that members of the Convention shall meet in the House of Representatives that they shall elect one of their number President; may appoint one or more Secretaries, and other necessary officers; pay of members to be four dollars per day, and may vote Secretaries, &c., such compensation as they choose. Sec. 5 provides that records of proceedings shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and that they shall be submitted to be ratified or rejected by the people, on a day to be named by the Convention. Sec. 6 provides for the punishment of the violations of the oath prescribed by this bill. Sec. 7 provides that the Secretary of State shall print 10,000 copies of this act, one-half to be handed over to the members of the Assembly, and the other to be forwarded, *pro rata populi*, to the Clerks of the County Courts in this State.

In the afternoon little business, except the usual routine, was transacted.

NO QUORUM IN THE HOUSE.

The House adjourned last night, pending a call. At the usual hour this afternoon no quorum was present, and the House adjourned till 2 o'clock. This was according to an understanding entered into last night, and in order that the Democracy might get the credit of filibustering with their constituents.

A QUORUM IN THE HOUSE—APPORTIONMENT BILL PASSED.

In the afternoon the apportionment bill as reported from the Senate, came up and under a suspension of the rules was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, and passed by a party vote, 41 to 20.

Immediately thereafter followed the Constitutional Convention bill, which was put through under a suspension of the rules, and passed by an unanimous vote: Ayes 71, Noes none.

A NEW BANKING BILL.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Hacker of Union, read by its title and ordered to be printed, providing for a general system of banking on a specie basis. The bill is nearly a copy of the Indiana State Bank Law. Its passage is urged upon the Legislature by responsible parties from Chicago, and the southern part of the State as well.

The House passed a resolution declaring when it adjourns to-morrow night, the Senate concurring, it will adjourn until Monday next at 9½ o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE SECESSION GONE UP—WHERE'S BROOKS?

All danger of secession is over and the best feeling prevailing. The people may look for much intelligent and beneficial legislation during the balance of the session.

A LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO MR. LINCOLN.

A committee of three members of the Legislature of Indiana arrived to-day. They are instructed to invite Mr. Lincoln to take Indianapolis en route when he goes to Washington. Lincoln's reply was that he had not fully decided on the route he would take, but would let them know in the course of two weeks. This delegation is composed of Messrs. R. A. Cameron, D. C. Branham and Walter March. These gentlemen are supposed to favor the claims of Schuyler Colfax, in preference to those of Caleb B. Smith.

A MEXICAN ENVOY COMES TO SEE MR. LINCOLN.

Signor Romero, the Mexican minister, is here. He had an interview with Mr. Lincoln yesterday, and presented an autograph letter from General Juarez, President of Mexico, to Mr. Lincoln, congratulating him on his election, and expressing the hope that the relations between the two Republics, would be of the friendliest character.

It is Mr. Lincoln's present intention to remain in Springfield until the middle of February.

THE CITY.

GOING UP.—The late railroad difficulty by which the passenger fare to Cleveland was reduced has been adjusted so far as to restore rates to the old figures.

LECTURE AT BRYAN HALL.—Rev. Henry Cox, of the Wabash Avenue M. E. Church, will deliver a lecture at Bryan Hall on Friday evening.

PASTORAL AID SOCIETY.—The Pastoral Aid Society hold their Annual Meeting, with public exercises, at Trinity Church, on Madison street, this Wednesday evening, at 7 P. M.

CHURCH DEDICATION.—The Second Universalist Society, Rev. J. H. Tuttle, Pastor, have just finished a very handsome church edifice, which they are to dedicate with appropriate services this evening.

INSTALLATION.—The public installation of Rev. James Dixon, as Pastor of the Union Park Baptist Church, will take place on Thursday evening, 24th inst., at 7½ o'clock, at the above Church. Rev. Robert Boyd, Rev. J. A. Smith, and Rev. A. J. Joslyn, the former pastor, will officiate, with other clergymen of this city.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was a gem. A bright, mild winter's day, with just the slightest tint of Spring. The streets were very gay and lively all day. The shoppers were abroad. There were plenty of country teams in with their produce, and the city buzzed as earnestly as if secession has never been heard of.

MR. SUMNER'S LECTURE THIS EVENING.—The lecture this evening at Bryan Hall, by George Sumner, Esq., on "Spain," should draw a crowded house for a two-fold reason. First, because the subject is one of interest handled by a scholarly and able literateur, and second, because the cause to be benefited by the sale of tickets is the Ministry at Large. Let there be a full house.

LECTURE.—The Rev. A. R. Green, of Windsor, C. W. will address the gentlemen and ladies of Chicago in Quinn Chapel, corner of Buffalo and Jackson street, on this (Wednesday) evening, 23d inst., at 7½ o'clock.

Subject—"The American Union, and the Prophecy concerning it." The public are respectfully invited to attend. Admission 10 cents, to defray expenses. The Rev. A. R. Green is the editor of the *True Bozalist*, a paper devoted to the elevation of its downtrodden race, and he will receive subscriptions for his laudable enterprise at the close of the lecture.

THE SLOAT SEWING MACHINES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MASON & EASTER.—In one of the splendid stores in the new Sherman House, and directly opposite our office, is an establishment worthy of more than a passing notice. We refer to the store No. 54 Clark street, where Messrs. Mason & Easter, the sole agents for the sale of George B. Sloat's sewing machines in the Northwestern States, have fitted up an elegant sale's room and also a private room for instruction, where lady assistants are always in attendance to give instruction in all kinds of sewing. The machines are simple in principle, work with speed and accuracy, and are superbly finished.

We profess to know something about the above named article, and would say to our friends call on Mason & Easter and see the Sloat machine. It is indeed "a thing of beauty," and in the household, "a joy forever."

THE ROCK ISLAND BRIDGE CASE.

Some Affidavits.

As we have before stated, a motion is pending before the Hon. Judge John K. Wilson for a change of venue of the case of J. W. Bissell from the Recorder's to the Superior Court, on the ground that the Recorder is so grossly prejudiced against Bissell and therefore, that justice cannot be obtained for him in that court. It is, perhaps, fair to inquire whether this cry of prejudice is not got up for the purpose of making capital and sympathy for Mr. Bissell, when, in fact like the Paddy, Judge is the very thing he is afraid of. Aside from the effect thus sought to be produced, it matters little in what court Bissell is tried, for no man in this community wants to see him convicted unless he is fairly proved to be guilty, and we should not have given the matter more than a passing notice before the trial came on, had not the Mayor's paper of Monday contained a characteristic article, grossly false, abusive and malignant against the Recorder, the District Attorney, Our readers [illegible] have seen that His Honor has no need hardly to be [illegible] a spite against "this Court," against [illegible] and Bradley, that amounts almost to insanity. It is deep, bitter and insatiable. To gratify it he would jeopard every other man's interest in the city; and, were it necessary, let the bisect of criminals go "unshipt of justice!"

To show how false and malignant the Mayor's attack is we publish the following affidavit of J. K. C. Forrest, Esq., Clerk of the Recorder's Court, for many years, in the absence of the Mayor, the principal editor of the *Democrat*:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK, }

Personally came and appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, J. K. C. Forrest, of the county and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he is Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the city of Chicago, and was present at the December term, A. D. 1860, at which term of said Court Josiah W. Bissell, indicted with Walter P. Chadwick for the crime of conspiracy, was tried and acquitted. This deponent further saith that he was present and heard Judge Isaiah H. Williams and Asa Williams, and the jury of said Williamses were at the time of said trial in the employ of the police force of the city of Chicago, and that during said trial one of the said above named Williamses came to the door of the court room during said trial, and asked this deponent to speak to said Bissell and send him out; that he said Williams came to the door of the court room and said to said Bissell, that he said Williams, has affidavit to be sworn speaking to said Bissell; that a man by the name of Wolfe, living in Cook county, and the said Williams gave this deponent, but that this deponent declined to carry said message, but subsequently said Bissell went out and spoke to said Williams, and came out in the hall and went to see said Bissell, and said Bissell then took the affidavit and read it, and from Bissell's actions and looks it is not reasonable in this affiant to believe, in the room, which said person gave to this affiant and his Honor Judge Wilson for a change of venue from the Recorder's Court to the Superior Court, on the ground that the Recorder is so grossly prejudiced against Bissell and therefore, that justice cannot be obtained for him in that court. It is, perhaps, fair to inquire whether this cry of prejudice is not got up for the purpose of making capital and sympathy for Mr. Bissell, when, in fact like the Paddy, Judge is the very thing he is afraid of. Aside from the effect thus sought to be produced, it matters little in what court Bissell is tried, for no man in this community wants to see him convicted unless he is fairly proved to be guilty, and we should not have given the matter more than a passing notice before the trial came on, had not the Mayor's paper of Monday contained a characteristic article, grossly false, abusive and malignant against the Recorder, the District Attorney. Our readers [illegible] have seen that His Honor has no need hardly to be [illegible] a spite against "this Court," against [illegible] and Bradley, that amounts almost to insanity. It is deep, bitter and insatiable. To gratify it he would jeopard every other man's interest in the city; and, were it necessary, let the bisect of criminals go "unshipt of justice!"

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STATE OF ILLINOIS—COUNTY OF COOK—ss.—Joseph Knox of said county, being duly sworn, on his oath says that he was present at the trial of what was one of the attorneys associated with Carlos Haven, Esq., in the prosecution of a certain indictment against one John W. Bissell, lately tried in the Recorder's Court in the city of Chicago, and that he heard the following affidavit read in reference to the indictment aforesaid, presented in said court against the said Bissell. This affiant further says that he was present at the trial of said Bissell, and that there was manifestations of any prejudice on the part of the Recorder, Joseph W. Stowell, but on the contrary it was the opinion of this affiant and was made the subject of remark during said trial, that the Recorder was leaning over backward in favor of said Bissell. This deponent further saith that the leanings of the court were against them and in favor of said Bissell, and asked this deponent if he could be sworn speaking to said Bissell; that a man by the name of Wolfe, living somewhere in

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THE SECESSION CONVENTIONS.

A convention of delegates from the New England States, met at Hartford on the 15th of December, 1814, under a circular call of the Massachusetts Legislature, "to devise means of security and defence" which may be consistent with the preservation of their resources from total ruin," and adapted to their local situation and "mutual relations and habits, and not repugnant to their obligations as members of the Union." Before the convention was called, be it remembered, several towns on the coasts of Connecticut and Maine had been bombarded by the British fleet, an embargo had been laid upon New England commerce, and the disaster had been cut off. Great distress prevailed in that exposed corner of the Union, and it was reported and generally believed that Massachusetts was about to be invaded by a British army. It was alleged also that the Government at Washington was drafting the best men out of the New England States by conscription, and leaving them without any defense against the common enemy. Let it be remembered also that the general government stationed a regiment of troops at Hartford to crush the first exhibition of a treasonable purpose on the part of the convention—the commanding officer of which was obliged to report to his superiors at Washington that there was nothing contemplated by the delegates but a remonstrance to Congress and an address to the people.

Notwithstanding the peaceful purpose of the Hartford Convention, and notwithstanding the failure of the State Department, after a protracted search, to find any marks of treason in its sayings or doings, the whole body of men who took part in its proceedings went down to their graves under the ban of a great public displeasure; and it is difficult even now to find a man who can reconcile to his ideas of patriotism the bare fact that a convention was once held to arraign the government for the measures it was taking to prosecute a war with a foreign power. With the great mass of Americans, the Hartford Convention is inseparably associated with the idea of treason against the United States. The taint of that fearful crime adheres to it, and will adhere to it throughout the lives of the present generation.

But what was the treason of the Hartford Convention of Federalists in 1814, as compared with that of the Springfield Convention of Democrats held last Wednesday? The sum and substance of the resolutions adopted by the latter body is that the Union cannot be preserved! An influential delegate, warmly attached to the Union and the Constitution as they are, informs us that the spirit-stirring motto, "Don't give up the ship," was regarded by the majority of the Convention as very much out of place, if not savoring strongly of *coercion*, while the Jacksonian utterance, "The Union, it must and shall be preserved," was inconsiderately scouted and spit upon. Henceforth the issues in our political contests will be the Star Spangled Banner on one side, and the Ruttlesnake and Palmetto on the other—*E Pluribus Unum* on the one hand, and "Southern Rights at all Hazards" on the other. Hail Columbia is hereafter to be the song of one party, while "Slavery in Territories" will be the discordant music in the mouths of the other. The Fourth of July will be celebrated exclusively by the one, while the secession of South Carolina will absorb the patriotism of the other. The eighth of January has already been stricken out of the calendar of one party in Illinois, and the twenty-second of February will be sent to the same dreary resting place ere long. Bunker's Hill and Yorktown will be superseded in their ranks by the Firing on the Star of the West. Following the Mexican custom of fighting their country when they have lost an election, they have fully discarded the proud title of *American citizens*. The Declaration of Independence has nothing for them, but the disunion ordinances of South Carolina and Florida are their peculiar property. The Crittenden proposition has already been substituted for the Constitution of the United States, and even their darling dogma of Popular Sovereignty has given way to a slave code for all Territories south of 36.30, now held or hereafter to be acquired. There is nothing in our past history which they can claim as *their own*, except the tories of the Revolution, the Hartford Convention, and Aaron Burr's scheme for a Southwestern monarchy. From these three examples they must derive all their inspiration.

STATE EDUCATION.

We are at length in receipt of the biennial report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and have been greatly interested by its hurried perusal. We have to thank Mr. Bateman, at the outset, for the condensed summary of educational statistics, which gives us, in a few brief sentences, all the valuable results for which we are usually compelled to wade through as many pages.

From this summary we learn that the permanent productive school fund of the State at the present time is $1,919,054. Whole amount expended for all school purposes in 1860, $2,293,608. Whole number of scholars in attendance at all the public schools, 472,947. Whole number of scholars in private schools, 19,564. Whole number of male teachers in public schools, 9,232. Whole number of female teachers, 6,465.

Mr. Bateman wisely counsels that no radical changes be made in the school law of the State at the present time, but recommends the amendment of a few of the sections. One of these proposed amendments provides, that each School Commissioner shall visit every school in his county at least once in each year, for which an adequate compensation shall be allowed. The schools of the State have undoubtedly suffered more from the want of efficient supervision, than from any other cause, and the Superintendent has recommended the only feasible plan for correcting this evil.

Another proposed amendment provides that free instruction shall be given to all children over *six years*, instead of all children over *five years*. This does not necessarily exclude from school all children under six years, but gives the directors of each city or town the power to exclude or receive them, as they may deem best. Such an amendment has long been needed. In our own city, hundreds of children under six years, most of whom would be far better off at home, daily throng the public schools, while hundreds of others at the proper school-going age are kept at home on accounts of the crowded condition of the rooms.

Another amendment provides for three grades of county certificates to teachers; and for a State Board of Examiners, with power to issue certificates that shall be of perpetual validity in any county and district in the State, to teachers of superior qualifications, and three or more years successful experience.

These and other changes proposed by the Superintendent, are forcibly sustained by arguments drawn from experience and observation. They were all submitted to the State Teachers' Association, at its recent session in Quincy, and received the unanimous approval of that body. They can hardly fail to commend themselves to the favorable regard of the legislature.

We regret that the Superintendent did not go one step further, and recommend a repeal of the law requiring the County Commissioner to apportion one-third of the school money received from the State to the several townships, in proportion to the number of *votes* in said townships. The schools of Hyde and Junction Grove, in this county, are at the present time better provided with school accommodations than those of Chicago; and yet Chicago is supplied by the unjust law to pay seven or eight thousand dollars a year which is not required to her, but goes to aid in sustaining the schools of the other towns in the county!

The remarks of Mr. Bateman on Secondary Instruction, should be read and considered by every school director and every teacher in the State.

If the system of Primary Schools, so earnestly urged by the subject of primary instruction by Superintendent of the State, is adopted, the right elementary teaching has been so general as to have been universal, and disastrous. Where these schools have been established upon the experience of the elementary idea, hundreds have been gradually developed capable of entering the higher seminary, a mediocrity must sit at the teacher's desk, let it be anywhere, everywhere, save in the ordinary school. If the secondary schools are to fill the ability to do irreparable mischief be here. At the ordinary common school, the pupil is taught everything from the alpha of intellect to the mere tricks of the master, begins to assert itself, to gift what it receives, and first corrections when they are needed; but at the beginning, the mind takes the impress of the instructor given, with unconscious data, exactly as the pliable of plaster upon the wall. The position is confidently asserted that the right discipline and training of the whole mental training of the children in our primary schools, is more important and more difficult than that of the higher schools, and that some of the very best teachers should be assigned to that post of duty."

This discussion of Primary Schools is extended through fifteen or sixteen pages, and is followed by another equally valuable, on school architecture.

The Normal University at Bloomington is reported as being in a flourishing condition, with over one hundred students in attendance. The new building, which is to be dedicated to-morrow (24th), is the best Normal School building in the United States.

Without attempting at this time to enter further into particulars, we commend the entire report to the careful study of both legislators and educators. It is, in our opinion, the ablest State Report on Public Instruction that has ever been issued in the West. Its strongest element is its convincing logic. Other qualities equally valuable are its clear, practical, comprehensive, and common sense views on the various topics discussed.

A HITCH.

There is trouble in the camp. The Democracy of Cook County refuse to go over to the McCormick party. They seem to have an idea that they are living under a government—that the laws of that government should be enforced, and that treason against it should be punished. They cannot therefore endorse the McCormick programme which sustains the negative of each of these propositions. The manipulation which has been in active progress ever since the State Convention, has failed to secure any one of the old Democratic leaders in this county whose influence if worth anything, to the McCormick side of the House. They hang back. They are reluctant to stultify themselves. They object to an abandonment of every patriotic impulse. They have read McClernand's speech, and they like it. They read Sheahan's new paper, and they prefer the old lead to that of McCormick. In short, the Democracy of Cook hold to the doctrine of Douglas' Norfolk speech—that the laws must be enforced, and that rebellion must be put down at whatever cost, while the McCormick party are for sustaining the traitors and putting down the Government. There would seem to be an impassable gulf between these two positions. But the leaders in the latter party, confident that they could bridge it over, called a meeting for last night, the object of which was to resolve that the gulf was only an imaginary one—that Democracy meant McCormick and McCormick, Democracy; and that it was the duty of both to uphold the men who are openly engaged in treason against the government. But the prime movers in this nice little arrangement, discovered on Monday that the Democracy of Cook had an opinion of their own on this subject, widely different from the McCormick article, and that if they got together on Tuesday night, they would certainly give expression to it. Forthwith the meeting was postponed until Thursday, and the process of manipulation is again going on with redoubled energy. We shall see what comes of it. However, as at present advised, we think it safe to say, that its undertaking to swallow the Democracy of Cook, McCormick overestimated his power of deglutition, and underestimated the size of the pill.

Parson Brownlow.

The following plucky article we clip from the Knoxville (Tenn.) *Whig*, which is edited by the renowned Parson Brownlow:

YOU CAN'T INTIMIDATE US—Subscribers in South Carolina and Georgia are coming constantly sending in their insulting epistles to us, and ask a discontinuance of their papers because we are opposed to secession. We receive as many new patrons as we lose old ones, but if we were to receive none, and every man on our list were withdrawn, we would have no apology to let us down, and the treason of secession. This effort to break up this government, led on by South Carolina, is a bold, wicked, daring and damnable act, for which its guilty leaders ought to be ignominously executed! This whole scheme of disunion is a overt, consummate Abolition contrivance than ever was devised at the North, by the most ultra anti-slavery men, and will work the greater mischief to the slave population of the country. *It will bring about the overthrow of slavery one hundred years sooner than the Republicans ever dreamed of!*

The cotton States may go out of the Union, the border States may go out with them—although we may form a Southern Confederacy. We shall adhere to our Union, Constitution and laws, and denounce secession and the miserable Southern Confederacy that may spring from it, and those who brought it about, though it may cost us our life upon the scaffold! Nay, we shall dare say in the teeth of South Carolina, that the General Government ought to enforce the laws, collect the revenue, and lash the rebellious States back into line at the point of the sword and the mouth of the cannon!

We have no desire to live under any government and controlled by the corrupt, wicked, and hell-deserving villains who lead this revolution in the South.

In a late number of his paper, Parson Brownlow thus sums up the sins and sorrows of the editor of the Columbiana (Tennessee) *Chronicle*:

The Leesburg Disunion sheet, published in Alabama, and edited by one John W. McRae, is out upon the editor of the Knoxville *Whig*, as a "recreant of the Lincoln party."

RALPH KEELER, editor now born and raised in South Carolina, removed to St. Clair County, Alabama, where he took up a school, got the pap, and abandoned the school before it was cut! He read law at Asheville, Ala., and failing to get practice, he turned Methodist preacher, and then turned out of Charleston—removed to Columbiana—turned Whig—afterwards went into a Democratic Convention—said in a speech if God would forgive him for leaving the Whig ticket, he never would do so again! He was caught on the street by the boys, who administered baptism to him with a bucket of tar and a hickory! He now edits a secession newspaper. That is our reply to all his clamor and abuse!

State of things in Mississippi.

The following is an extract of a letter received within the last few days, by a gentleman of Cincinnati, from a friend of his, (and a reliable man,) in Mississippi:

We are in the midst of a Revolution. Our State has seceded, and God only knows where we are drifting. We have not a dollar in the Treasury, and I presume we shall have to submit to a forced loan. Then will come a reign of terror, for many will not submit. South Carolina is doing this now, and her citizens are beginning to complain, and my opinion is that the sensible current will soon set in against the dissolutionists, and drive them from power. Moderation is cursed with a wicked set of politicians, who are desperate to push forward their pet scheme, or ride the South—that is the opening of the African Slave trade. God only can help us.

Disunion Speaking.

[From the Nashville (Tenn.) Whig.

The Secession meeting at the Court House was ordered to be convened on Monday night, at Rankin's Hall, with speeches from our Judge Dickinson, and the Hon. Reuben Davis, both of Mississippi. Dickinson is a native of Tennessee, and disgusted all sensible men. He dealt in wholesale abuse of all who were not for secession, and we are pained to have been prompted by John Bull-groom.

Mr. Davis made, as our information goes, a more sensible and interesting speech, and we hear it spoken of in complimentary terms. He had the candor to admit what is not generally conceded by Secessionists. He stated that the "election" of Lincoln was not the cause of secession, but that it was the "pretext." This will help our readers to bear in mind, and they will be better able to counteract the opposite all this rumor from Southern Conventions.

Mr. Keeler's flocky publishes portraits of all the seceding South Carolina Members of Congress. They are not as well executed as they ought to be.—*Louisville Journal*.

Pendleton would undoubtedly be pleased with the engraving of the gentleman alluded to.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Signs of a Speedy Rupture.

[From our own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Tues. 22, 1861.

The disunion Ordinance is consummated. The vote is in the affirmative. The Cotton States of the north-east coast, are now actually engaging to fling for want of fresh fuel. The mob pilled with whisky in the Congresses have begun to squeeze; they have had a good drunk; a good many had snakes in their boots. But the excitement is abating; a reaction has set in; they are growing sick at their stomach; their heads ache, and they are beginning to realize the painful fact that they have been wasting time, money and temper to no purpose. They are not out of the Union yet by a long way. Instead of the Union being dissolved it is the firm rule of the above powers that it is giving way. A change has come over the spirit of their drinking. The overbearing swaggery, and plantation insolence are no longer witnessed since Toombs, Jeff. Davis, Brown, Floyd & Company have seceded from Washington. The haughty spirit of the rebels is broken. The secession current is arrested. The idea is flashing across the minds of the traitors that the Union still endures; that the Government paralyzed for a moment by the vacillation of Buchanan and the treason of Floyd, Thompson and Cobb, is recovering its strength, and gathering up its mighty energies to hit a fall a rock on the head of the conspirators that will squelch them. We hear no more gasconade that the Government is powerless; no more savage defiances, or scornful taunts about its weakness. The cry is now: "Don't coerce us, don't strike; let us go in peace. All know you are the strongest, but why reduce us to conquered provinces?" Civil war is deprecated as an awful calamity. All the fire-eaters now ask is the privilege to pull down the Government and destroy the Union in peace! Why should the North apply force to prevent this innocent amusement? Why should anybody interfere with their pet project of establishing a slave-holding kingdom on the ruins of the Union? This is the present line of argument and entreaty. The traitors expected divisions, distraction, and anarchy in the North. Before this time they confidently believed that Northern cities would be in the hands of ravenous mobs shouting "blood or bread." Starvation of the laborers and destruction of all [illegible] and hoped to extended to their Southern sores. But the pit they dug for others have fallen into themselves. The poor in the free States are exhibiting characteristic loyalty business is brisk; money plenty; times good, while in their own section, distress, misery and stagnation brood like a pestilence over the rebels. Great reliance was placed on the anticipated Northern assistance and sympathy. The Southern mob were made to believe that the Democracy in the free States would rise up with arms in their hands and put down the Republicans and perhaps force Lincoln and Hamlin to resign, and let Breckinridge and Jolane reign in their stead. It was firmly believed that New York city would secede from the State, declare herself a free port and raise an army of 50,000 men to fight in assistance of the secessionists. Wall street, it was believed beyond doubt, would cash Southern bonds to any amount in full demand. The commercial marine of the city would be placed at their disposal. Pennsylvania and New Jersey were expected to be equally devoted to the cause of treason. The Hon. Mr. Cochrane, of the North, stand firm, and the victory over disunion will soon be won and the Union saved.—Cor. Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS CORRESPONDENCE.

Lincoln Invited to Visit Indianapolis—No Opposition to Lane for Senator—Democratic Caucus—Republican Caucus—Joint Convention and Election of Senator—Calling the Messenger.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 21, 1861.

I gave you an intimation in my last, that Mr. Lincoln would be invited to visit the capital of Indiana, on his way to Washington. The following joint resolution, was introduced here in the House on Monday, by Cameron of Porter county:

"WHEREAS, Hon. Abraham Lincoln, President elect of the United States of America, will shortly pass through this State on his way to assume the duties of the office of President of the United States; and

Resolved, That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana invite the President of the United States elect to visit the capital of this State, and to address us in his way from his residence to the Federal Capital; and that a committee of seven on the part of the Senate, and six on the part of the House, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two bodies, to confer with Mr. Lincoln by letter or otherwise, and extend to him the invitation of the General Assembly to visit the capital of this State, and that such committee report to the General Assembly, at such time as may be designated.

The resolution was adopted, ayes 67, noes 16. The Senate unanimously concurred. The committee, consisting of Marsh of the Senate, and Branam and Cameron of the House, leave for Springfield this evening, accompanied, as I learn, by some of the distinguished men of the State, whom they have invited with them.

The Republican caucus of Tuesday evening, called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for United States Senator, found when they assembled, that instead of three candidates there was but one before them. Gov. Lane being nominated unanimously by a rising vote.

A committee was appointed to wait upon him, and inform him of the nomination. He appeared in person to respond, the ball doors were opened, and the resolutions and speeches of the evening were listened to. His speech on the occasion, was one of the finest pieces of oratory, ever listened to. He said that he did not approve of the plan of electing men to a place, when they had no intention to fill it, implied there had agreed to fill. But when a man was elected to two offices, he was in duty bound, to fill them in the order which he chose. Gov. Lane was elected United States Senator two years ago, but was refused his seat by a corrupt party, then in power, although he held a certificate of election, which, under the Constitution composed of honest Republicans, he would today present, instead of any other he might present. And if he failed to receive his seat at the hands of the Government of the United States, he could fill the office of Governor, if it was still demanded. His election that day, was a merited rebuke, to those who had attempted to destroy the people of Indiana in the Senate. On the election of Gov. Lane to the Senate on Wednesday afternoon, he immediately resigned the office of Governor, and the Senate and House went into joint Convention, and inaugurated Gov. Morton. Hon. O. P. Morton is a citizen of Wayne county, (whose majority for the Union ticket was nearly 2,000 at the election of the Constitution.) He is about 36 years of age, of splendid build, having a large head, and massive forehead. He is known as in intellectual statesman, one of the most intellectual men of the State, and upon the stump, or at the bar few men are his equal. He is one of the rising young men of the State.

After his inauguration of Gov. Morton, the Senate proceeded to elect Hon. J. R. Cravens Speaker pro tempore of his body, in the absence of Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Cravens is an excellent presiding officer, and a man of marked ability. Col. Cyrus M. Allen of Vincennes, is Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker pro tempore of his body. It seems impossible for him to make a mistake in parliamentary management, and he has been familiar with the rules governing such bodies for many years. He has energy enough to act of order, with a good grace as to make them love and esteem him. I learn he is a native of Kentucky, but for sixteen years has resided in Indiana. He is fit for any position, and cannot but be brilliant, in the State of his adoption.

The course pursued by the Democracy in the Senate, to provide for their coming wants, if not lionel is, at least very cunning. For instance, the Superintendent of the Insane Asylum has resigned, and Hon. Samuel Hartford, of Jefferson county, has been appointed to the very same office, by the Democratic trustees, for the new term of four years. This old term would not have expired until June next. The Democratic party fear not the people, but they do, as I learn, given a contract to two of their partisan friends for all the labor of the convict, for the term of five years, for the term of five twenty-five cents per day, for the term of five years, the price being seventy five cents per day, and the usual term of contract, being one year. When these discoveries were made, some of your readers need not be very pretty strong language, as you may imagine.

Besides those frauds, for can call them nothing else, the Democracy have been in a part hand of commissioners to their fellows all over the State, making them, nearly all Generals, and Colonels. With the idea that if the military of the State should into service to defend its borders, the Democracy could make all the glory, while the poor Republicans could do the fighting.

Hon. Horace Heffren, the would-be Democratic leader of the House, is one of those recipients of military honors. He received his title of Brigadier General, last week. The *Sentinel* (Democratic) of the 16th, says of him:

"General Heffren is actively engaged in putting his brigade on a war footing. He shipped two barrels of whisky down to the Second District yesterday, and has given orders for five more to follow immediately."

The authority for the above, of course, is not very good, but fall as good, no doubt, as the whisky.

As yet no resolution has passed either house, looking to an adjustment of our national difficulties. In fact the status of affairs changes so often that it is impossible to bring forth any thing to-day, which would suit the emergencies of to-morrow. While the Republicans are willing to do all that is honorable for the sake of peace, they will never consent to make this a country of slaves, and engraft an accursed slavery provision for the Territories, upon the Constitution.

The only thing passed, which shows the spirit of the Hoosiers, are the following resolutions introduced in the House on Monday last.

WHEREAS, We, the Senators and Representatives of the people of Indiana in General Assembly convened, have read with pain in the telegraphic messages of the country, of the intent of a body of men in the Southern States of the Union, to compel all vessels navigating the waters of the Mississippi River to carry the flag of their States; and whereas, We believe that we should be unmindful of our duty to our constituents, unjust to Indiana and Commerce, and will be guilty of treason, if we should not speak out upon the question of the free and unobstructed navigation of the Mississippi, upon whose waters are located the best markets for millions of dollars worth of our commerce and tens of thousands of our fellow citizens; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That under no circumstances can we see the slightest right to search, or any portion thereof, in the hands of any foreign power, or recognize the right of any such power, directly or indirectly to hinder, delay or obstruct the free navigation of the same, and that if our boats or vessels of any kind are thus molested, or their peaceful navigation of the waters of said river, are molested, disturbed, or hindered in any way or manner by any government, power or people, we will view it as a most unjustifiable aggression, in the growing belief, that the irresistable free States—numbering according to the census, over *nineteen millions*—will *fight for the preservation of the Union* in all its geographical integrity, which is now causing the creation that has taken place in the slave States.

Here comes news that the most the secessionists of Arkansas were able to get the Legislature to do, was to submit the Convention question to a vote of the people on Feb. 18th, and in case a majority vote in the affirmative, the Governor is to appoint a future day for an election to be held to elect delegates. All of which simply means that secession is played out in Arkansas, and the State will remain in the Union with the Constitution as it is.

North Carolina refuses to budge an inch; refuses to appropriate money to purchase arms. Meetings are being daily held to denounce South Carolina and secession, and to declare allegiance to the Constitution, with the Union unchanged. Gov. Ellis, and his McCormick and his henchman, McComas, to the contrary notwithstanding. The old North State will stand by the glorious old Constitution, and hold secession in the damning light that will engulf it. She is going to send commissioners to the Free States, *without alliances*, to talk over the questions of difference. Sensible conclusion. Every day the Union sentiment is growing stronger, and becoming louder in its protests against giving food to the whispering of the sneaky head of South Carolina who is longing for Virginia to cast of the disunion fruit of the Palmetto tree, assuring her that in the day she eateth thereof she will be like the gods, knowing good and evil.

Maryland—poetically called the heart of the Union, and these boy, stands as solid to her loyalty as the everlasting hills. A desperate effort was made on her people to plunge them into the disunion maelstrom. But they are looking to their duty and allegiance, and rousing themselves to resist the hot-headed efforts of secession leaders, who are desperately trying to push forward their pet scheme, or ride the South—that is the opening of the African Slave trade. God only can help us.

Disunion Speaking.

[From the Nashville (Tenn.) Whig.

The Secession meeting at the Court House was ordered to be convened on Monday night, at Rankin's Hall, with speeches from our Judge Dickinson, and the Hon. Reuben Davis, both of Mississippi. Dickinson is a native of Tennessee, and disgusted all sensible men. He dealt in wholesale abuse of all who were not for secession, and we are pained to have been prompted by John Bullgroom.

Mr. Davis made, as our information goes, a more sensible and interesting speech, and we hear it spoken of in complimentary terms. He had the candor to admit what is not generally conceded by Secessionists. He stated that the "election" of Lincoln was not the cause of secession, but that it was the "pretext." This will help our readers to bear in mind, and they will be better able to counteract the opposite all this rumor from Southern Conventions.

Mr. Keeler's flocky publishes portraits of all the seceding South Carolina Members of Congress. They are not as well executed as they ought to be.—*Louisville Journal*.

Pendleton would undoubtedly be pleased with the engraving of the gentleman alluded to.

THE PRO-SLAVERY REBELLION.

A STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS AT CHARLESTON BY THE STEAMER MARION.

[From the N. Y. Tribune, 19th.]

The steamer Marion, of Sparkhall & Tileston's Charleston line, arrived at her dock early yesterday morning. She brings forty or fifty passengers, among whom are twenty-three or four colored persons, and four men, honorably discharged, we are told, who have recently been at work at Fort Sumter.—Capt. Adkins says the

Fort Sumter wright was principally constructed and rice. He states that the excitement among Charlestonians and the State volunteers has not been very much exaggerated—that he and other gentlemen connected with the steamship company have invariably received pleasant and hospitable treatment, and that many of the officers have been extended to them by the civilians and soldiery of Charleston. Many of the men employed at Charleston by the Company found their families of rice as remittances to their families here, exchange being ruinously high.

Capt. Whiting's account of the grounding of the Marion on the North Breaker Shoal, some ten miles from Charleston, and the subsequent seizure of the vessel by the authorities, has already been made public. We now learn that the Marion went up to her Charleston dock without any colors hoisted. She had been in but a short time when orders came that the Palmetto flag should be run up; this Capt. Whiting refused to do, and the owners prevailed upon one of the subordinates to hoist it. Great excitement prevailed throughout the city all night, from a rumor that the Star of the West was in the offing; people crowded down to the docks, and the military were continually marching and countermarching. When the firing from Fort Morris and Fort Moultrie commenced the next morning, the military companies had been there all night.

About 10 o'clock Capt. Whiting was notified that he must give up the ship. Notice was at the same time given to the hands on board that they would be called together at 11 P. M., when a proposition would be submitted to them. At that time they were told that all the vessels of the fleet belonged to the ship, and those who did not want to stay could get their money and go. One of the men spoke up and said to those who had taken the ship that they were fools to have done so, and the whole crowd came from. "Don't you know we could keep you here, if we chose?" said Measroon, the agent for the Charleston line owners. Finally, all agreed that they would stay on the ship. Still there was a good deal of discontent among them; and they began to declare to each other that they would not go on the second trip, for fear of capturing the Star of the West.

On Thursday the work of altering the vessel to fit her for the contemplated piratical expedition was commenced, and some damage was done in the attempt to raise her forward, the saw-cuts being visible and the furniture of the cabin having suffered from the concussion. About 11 o'clock word came that two 18-pounders were to be put in. Capt. Whiting responded, saying that he would see him right for guns of that class. They then said they would put on two 12-pounders. About this time Capt. Whiting was asked to take charge of filling her up for, and to command her on an expedition in pursuit of the Star of the West. That evening all hands left the ship and asked for their money. They would not go on the expedition. The next day the crew refused to bring the Marion on a war footing were countermanded, and others given to put her in her old condition, and it was given out that she would start on her return trip to New York on Sunday morning, upon which all hands returned to the vessel.

The Marion left her dock at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning and came to anchor in the roads off Fort Sumter, where she lay till Tuesday morning on receiving an order to proceed. While there, two officers came from Charleston with an order to seize a Mr. Gradded, a free colored man, and one of the most experienced pilots of the port of Charleston, who, with his wife and mother, had taken passage for New York. It was said it was done under the direction of the Governor, and the excuse made was that he was an old harbor pilot; that he had left his late employer under short notice; and that it was suspected he was connected with the Northern Abolitionists. The officers were to guide some Northern ship into the Charleston waters. They took him away at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, and left the vessel. Before the departure of the Marion, the officers came from Charleston and informed them that they were not free, as they had been told in the morning. They believed that all this was done because the public treasury was in need of funds. The impression also prevailed that the object in getting out a "badge," for which they had to pay $2 more, and mechanics $7, was to get the money. Negroes have to pay $10 for getting a "badge," but they are exempt from paying a poll tax; that the amount this year will probably not be less than $60. Those who own property are taxed, taxed like other people, and are not allowed to hold any office or vote. The Judge Lowndes right, in view of the present attitude of Mississippi, towards the General Government, the conduct of the people elected to office, and the manner in which Southern madness and selfishness are seeking to involve us; they are for submitting to have their conduct prescribed to them by men elected by the Government and other gentlemen are posted in regard to its movements, and this necessary branch will be watched. If he attempts to carry out his extreme summary justice is likely to overtake him. If caught in the overt act while in this city, it certainly will.

The Disunion Conspiracy in St. Louis.

The Territorials are hard at work. They are arming with all possible dispatch. Last week they received at their head-quarters, corner of Fifth and Pine streets, several boxes of muskets. We also learn on good authority, that living men are secretly organized into an oath-bound secret society that is in the inner circle of the Disunion. Now if all the disaffected persons will agree with us in saying that the political ends which in this country cannot be attained by the good sense of the people and sacred usage of civilized society, is accursed in its very origin. There may be some excuse for armed political society in countries where the people are ground down to senseless political rights, but here there is no excuse, while it is notorious that such societies only prove to be the last refuge for desperadoes for the very dregs of society. Good men may be decoyed into them, but they soon separate, leaving nothing behind but the mud of mankind.—*Missouri Democrat*.

The Abstracted Bonds.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press*, under date of the 19th inst., says:

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Submissionists.

Some of our people are for submitting to be dragged out of the Union by South Carolina; they are for submitting to have the only law under which Kentucky can recover fugitive slaves repealed by a dissolution of the Union; they are for submitting to go into a Cotton State Confederacy, oligarchy or monarchy, in which they know they would have to submit to free trade and direct taxation; they are for submitting to the immense and ruinous depreciation of negro property, which they are aware would be the inevitable result of the opening of the slave trade, contemplated by the secession leaders; they are for submitting to the privations and all the numberless horrors of the blockade of Southern ports, which Southern madness and selfishness are seeking to involve us; they are for submitting to have their conduct prescribed to them by men elected by the Government and other gentlemen are posted in regard to its movements, and this necessary branch will be watched. If he attempts to carry out his extreme summary justice is likely to overtake him. If caught in the overt act while in this city, it certainly will.

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IMPORTANT NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

It is now becoming evident to naval people that, whatever the original events may have been that gave rise to the name squadron will be called on for an efficient coast guard. The arrival at Vera Cruz, mentioned in the letter of the Chamberlain, with the signal for the return of the steam frigate Powhatan, and the frigate Sabine. There is also reason to believe that the sloop St. Louis will come up the Gulf, and the Crusader, Wyandotte, Pocahontas, and Water Witch, are likely to be detailed as tenders for the fleet. The Brooklyn, St. Louis, if the fleet should be called into requisition on our seaboard. The newly commissioned corvettes Macedonian and Cumberland would be stiffened to prevent our small naval interests in the Gulf for a while. Thus the ships available for home duty would carry an aggregate of 1,400 men, and 100 guns.

It is said that the Virginians have signified their intention to resist the removal from Norfolk of any United States ship not in commission by the Federal authorities. The intelligence comes from a naval officer at that place. Annexed is a list of our men-of-war now at the Go-port Yard: Liner Pennsylvania, rated 120 guns, but carrying only a few, not worth saying outside her present berth; liner Columbus, lying up, and unfit for present duty; liner Delaware, do, do; liner New York, now half built; frigate Columbia, needing repairs; in ordinary, frigate Raritan, do, do; corvette Germantown, do, do; razee Dock; steam frigate Merrimac, in ordinary. Except in regular naval hands, all these ships would be worthless for any service.

VESSELS OF THE HOME SQUADRON.

It is stated that disagreeable news sent to the Commander of the Home Squadron, with the intention of having all those ships concentrated in the Gulf, and at other Southern points menaced by the secessionists. The following list of these and other vessels of the Navy now in active service, will be interesting:

Brooklyn, first-class steam sloop, 25 guns, Capt. W. S. Walker, now at Hampton Roads.

Crusader, third-class screw steamer, 5 guns Lieut. commanding J. M. Madiz, at Mobile Bay Jan. 6.

Falmouth, store sailing ship, Lieut. commanding Charles Thomas, moored at Aspinwall.

Mohawk, third-class screw steamer, 5 guns, Lieut. commanding T. A. M. Craven, cruising off Cuba; sails for Key West.

Macedonia, first-class sailing sloop, 23 guns, Capt. James Glynn, sailed from Portsmouth Jan. 21, probably for Key West.

Tawnee, third-class screw steamer, 4 guns, Com. S. C. Rowan, at Philadelphia, repairing engines.

Pocahontas, second-class screw sloop, 5 guns, Com. S. H. Hazzard, at Vera Cruz December 23.

Powhatan, first-class steam sloop, (paddles) 11 guns, Capt. Samuel Mercer, at Vera Cruz Dec. 23.

Sabine, sailing frigate, 50 guns, Capt. H. A. Adams, at Hampton Roads, Jan. 26.

St. Louis, first-class sailing sloop, 23 guns, Com. Charles H. Poor, at Sacrificios, V. C., Dec. 23.

Supply, store-ship, 4 guns, Com. Henry Walker, sailed from Pensacola, Jan. 12, for Vera Cruz.

Wyandotte, third class screw steamer, Lieut. Commanding O. H. Berryman, off Pensacola Jan. 10.

The other vessels are distributed as follow:

MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON.—The Frigates, Release, Richmond, and Susquehanna.

PACIFIC SQUADRON.—Constellation, Sloops, Decatur, Pensacola, Relief, San Jacinto, Dale, Hunter and Saratoga.

AFRICAN SQUADRON.—Constellation, Mohican, Mystic, Portsmouth, Relief, San Jacinto, Dunderberg and Saratoga.

PACIFIC SQUADRON.—Cyane, Fredonia, Lancaster, Levant, (missing.) Narragansett, St. Marys, Seminole, Wyoming and Vandalia.

EAST INDIA SQUADRON.—Dacotah, Hartford, John Adams, Saginaw and Vandalia.

ON SPECIAL SERVICE.—The Constitution at Annapolis, the Decatur, lad at Hong Kong, and Pensacola fitting out at Washington Navy Yard.

EXTRAORDINARY MOVEMENT OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

[From the N. Y. Herald.]

Among some of the curious features of the secession movement is the agreement on the part of South Carolina to continue to use the postal service of the Federal Government for its own special benefit, while that State is seizing the Post Office, forts arsenals and Custom House, the property of that government. Meeting, then, in square from her secession ordinance, is going to avail herself of the Post Office privileges of that country from which she declares herself cut off. For several days past she has been receiving our remmittances from South Carolina, and the other seceded States, in postage stamps. The mails, also, are daily taken by draft having become so difficult of late, our neighboring "foreign" States are using the stamps of the national government as a medium. The mail of one day, recently brought us nearly a hundred dollars worth of postage stamps. The secessionists have in fact converted our office into an extensive picture gallery of the patriots of the early days of the republic, containing multitudinous duplicates of the heads of Franklin and Washington.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF ARMS IN THE SOUTH.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE UNNATURAL REBELLION.

SECESSION EXCITEMENT IN NEW-YORK.

Probably a Causeless Panic.

SPEECH OF GEN. DIX IN NEW YORK.

Resolutions of Confidence in the President.

LOUISIANA CONVENTION.

KENTUCKY ADJUTT GOVERNOR.

Governor Letcher to the Virginia Legislature.

WHAT A VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVE SAYS.

Senator Pugh Interviewed for Secession.

BATTLE WITH THE INDIANS—FIFTY KILLED.

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST.

THE CRISIS.

Great Excitement in New York and Washington.

Probably a Causeless Panic.

Speech of Gen. Dix in New York.

Resolutions of Confidence in the President.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8—Midnight.—The excitement in this city to-day has been intense. The news from Washington, that Major Anderson had been reinforced, and that the Star of the West was coming with more troops, created the greatest consternation among the Secessionists and their sympathizers. Many of the latter openly declared that the Government had no right to send troops to Charleston, and that if they were landed there, the Southern States would be justified in declaring war against the North. Others, who are not Secessionists, but who have been deceived by the false statements of the Southern press, and who have been made to believe that the Government was the aggressor, were also greatly excited. Many of the merchants, who have been doing a large business with the South, and who have been selling their goods on long credits, were afraid that they would lose their money, and that the Southern people would not pay their debts. Many of the banks, too, have been discounting largely for Southern customers, and they, too, were afraid that they would lose their money. Many of the merchants, who have been doing a large business with the South, and who have been selling their goods on long credits, were afraid that they would lose their money, and that the Southern people would not pay their debts. Many of the banks, too, have been discounting largely for Southern customers, and they, too, were afraid that they would lose their money.

The excitement was greatly increased by the publication of the following letter from Gen. Scott to Mr. Holt, Secretary of War, which was published in the Evening Post:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, 1861.

HON. JOHN HOLT, Secretary of War:

SIR—I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, reinforcements ought to be sent to Major Anderson, in Charleston harbor, as soon as possible. Without such reinforcements, I think it probable that he will be attacked before he can be relieved, and that his little force will be overpowered. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WINFIELD SCOTT